



By the King.

A Proclamation for the Restraint of excessive
Carriages, to the destruction of
the High-ways.



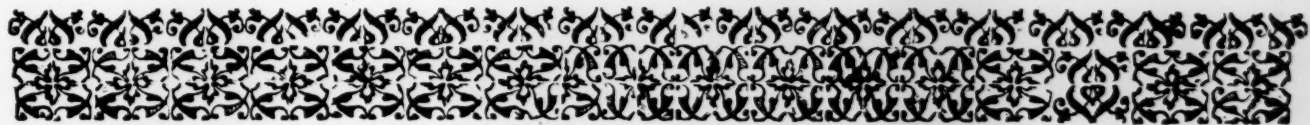
Hereas Our most deare and Royall Father of ever blessed memory, by his Royal Proclamation bearing date the sixt of August, in the twentieth yeere of his Reigne of England, for the many reasons therein mentioned, for the publique good and ease of his People, did prohibite and straitly charge and command; That no common Carrier, or other person, should goe or trauell with any wayne, Cart, or Carriage with foure wheeles, nor should carry with or vpon any wayne, Cart, or Carriage, aboue the weight of twenty hundred, nor should draw any wayne, Cart, or other Carriage, with aboue five horses at once, vpon such paynes and penalties as in the said Proclamation are expressed. Since which time those great disorders are much more increased, whereby, if it be not prevented, those publique nuisancees which will destroy the generall Commerce of Our People, will become vnrremediable. Wee therefore by the aduice of the Lords and others of Our Priuy Councell, doe straitly charge and command that from and after the Feast of St. Iohn Baptist now next ensuing, No common Carrier or other person vpon the Common High-ways, doe goe or trauell with any wayne, Cart, or Carriage, which shall haue aboue two wheeles. Nor that vpon any wayne, Cart or Carriage, there bee laden at once aboue twenty hundred weight, Nor that for the draught thereof there be vled aboue five horses at any one time, to the end that by these meanes the occasion of such excessive Carriages may bee prevented, all which wee doe straitly charge and command to be duely obserued, vpon paine of Our heauy indignation, and such other penalties and punishments as by Our Lawes can bee inflicted vpon the Offendors. And because such extraordinarie Carriages as of late yeares



haue bene vſed, haue heretofore by the opinion of all the Judges bene held to bee generall and publique Nuſances, and therefore the ſame ought by the Law to be ſeuereſly puniſhed, as that wherein the publique hath an intereſt. Wee doe ſtraitly charge and command all Our Judges and Juſtices that in their ſeueral places, they doe carefully and diligently enquire of all theſe offences, and as much as in them lyeth, doe puniſh the offenders. And we doe alſo hereby require Our Attourney Generall for the time being, vpon notice giuen vnto him of any ſuch Offendor, to proſecute them in a Legall courſe in Our Court of Star-chamber, there to receiue ſuch Censure and Punishment, by Fine, Impriſonment, and otherwiſe, as their Contempts and Offences ſhall deſerue. And we doe hereby admoniſh all thoſe whom it may concerne, that they be careful to repayre and maintaine the Highways, Bridges, and Cauſeys throughout this our Realme, according to Our Lawes and Statutes in that behalfe made, and now continuing in force, as they tender Our pleaſure, and will anſwere the contrary at their perils. And becauſe there may bee no pretence for them to excuſe themſelues by reaſon of theſe exceſſiue Carriages, we ſtrictly charge and enioyne them for their owne eaſe, to giue true information to Our Attourney Generall, of all offences and offenders againſt this our Proclamation. And laſtly wee doe hereby will and require all Maiors, Sheriſſes, Baiiſſes, Juſtices of Peace, and all other Our Officers and Miniſters in all our Countiees and places whatſoeuer within this Our Realme, that they vſe their vttermoſt indeauour to diſcouer and puniſh all offences and offenders againſt this Our pleaſure and Royall commandement.

Giuen at Our Court at White Hall, the ninth day of March, in the Fiſt yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.



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